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NASHUA OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANG "PROSPECT" CONVICTED OF FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES

Concord, New Hampshire -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Ossipee Police Chief Richard Morgan, and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins announced that Jayson FULCHER, DOB 6/19/74, of Nashua, New Hampshire was convicted on March 19, 2003 of being a felon in possession of firearms.

FULCHER, a convicted felon, entered a guilty plea to an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to a Criminal Complaint on the charge issued by the U.S. District Court, Ossipee, N.H. police officers seized a loaded .25 caliber handgun and a quantity of the controlled substance oxycodone from FULCHER's person at the time of his October 20, 2002 arrest at the scene of an automobile accident. Officers also observed a vest bearing the "colors," or insignia, of the Ossipee, New Hampshire-based chapter of the Diablos outlaw motorcycle gang in the vehicle FULCHER was driving. Information presented in open court at previous proceedings in the case confirmed that FULCHER was a "prospect," or prospective member, of the Diablos.

On August 27, 2002, the president of the Ossipee-based Diablos' New Hampshire chapter, Thomas Brennan, was convicted in U.S. District Court of of being a felon in possession of ammunition.

FULCHER was detained without bail by U.S. District Judge **Steven J. McAuliffe** pending his sentencing hearing to be held in U. District Court in Concord on June 17, 2003. He faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

The prosecution against FULCHER, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Ossipee, N.H. Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.